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E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: ETRD, MTN

SUBJECT: RULES OF ORIGIN

REF: STATE 158629

1. DCM CALLED ON SWISS DCM STAEHELIN JULY 3 AND MADE REFTEL POINTS, STRESSING THAT THIS ISSUE HAD BECOME ONE OF USG'S HIGHEST PRIORITIES IN MTN. STAEHELIN SAID HE HAD RECEIVED INFORMAL REPORT LAST WEEK OF SIMILAR DEMARCHE BY EMBASSY BERN. HE CHARACTERIZED INITIAL INFORMAL SWISS REACTION AS:

A) SWISS ARE CURRENTLY BOUND BY RULES AS SET FORTH IN AGREEMENT WITH EC. ANY CHANGE WILL HAVE TO BE NEGOTIATED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AS AMENDMENT TO EC-EFTA AGREEMENTS.

B) SWISS HAVE LONG FAVORED "SIMPLIFICATION" OF RULES OF ORIGIN AND WOULD PROBABLY BE DISPOSED TO DISCUSS THIS FURTHER IF OTHER PARTNERS WERE SO INCLINED. WHETHER THIS WOULD MEAN ADOPTION ACROSS-THE-BOARD OF 50 PERCENT RULE IS NOT CERTAIN.

2. DCM EMPHASIZED NEED FOR POLITICAL-LEVEL DECISION TO CHANGE RULES, DETAILS OF WHICH COULD BE WORKED OUT BEFORE END OF YEAR. STAEHELIN SAID HE APPRECIATED UPDATE ON U.S. VIEWS AND WOULD KEEP US INFORMED. HINTON

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